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SUBJECT: PANAMA RESPONSE TO UNSCR 1540 DEMARCHE

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1. (U) On June 20, 2005, Embassy delivered reftel demarche via diplomatic note to MFA International Organizations (IO) Director Javier Bonagas. MFA IO responded with the following note verbale on July 27, 2005.

(Begin unofficial translation)

"Republic of Panama, Ministry of Foreign Relations, PANAMA 4, PANAMA, DGOCI-DATA-181-05

The Ministry of Foreign Relations - Directorate General of International Organizations and Conferences - presents its compliments to the Honorable Embassy of the United States of America on the occasion of referring to verbal note No. 834 of June 20, 2005, in which it indicates that the Republic of Panama has not yet presented the report related to resolution 1540 (2004) on the "non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction", in which it exhorts Member States to present a report in compliance with said resolution.

The Ministry of Foreign Relations - Directorate General of International Organizations and Conferences - informs the Honorable Embassy of the United States of America that the Government of Panama sent the report to the authority stipulated by resolution 1540 (2004).

The Ministry of Foreign Relations - Directorate General of International Organizations and Conferences - takes this opportunity to renew to the Honorable Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest and distinguished consideration.

Panama, July 21, 2005, To the Honorable Embassy of the United States of America, Panama City."

(END UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION.)

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